

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4023

To amend title 36 of the United States Code with regard to observance  
of Constitution Week.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2000

Mr. ROYCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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to observance of Constitution Week.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds the following:

5               (1) The Constitution, which was drafted at the  
6       Constitution Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsyl-  
7       vania, in 1787, provides the foundation for the sys-  
8       tem of governance in the United States.

1           (2) The rights and privileges guaranteed in the  
2       Constitution have enabled Americans to live freely  
3       without governmental oppression and interference.

4           (3) The Founding Fathers adjourned the Con-  
5       stitutional Convention at 4 p.m. on September 17,  
6       1787.

7           (4) Each year, the week starting September 17  
8       and ending September 23 is reserved for the obser-  
9       vation of Constitution Week.

10 **SEC. 2. SPECIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES**  
11 **AND ACTIVITIES FOR CELEBRATION OF CON-**  
12 **STITUTION WEEK.**

13       Section 108(2) of title 36, United States Code, is  
14       amended by striking the period and inserting “,  
15       including—

16               “(A) ringing bells across the Nation to  
17       commemorate the adjournment of the Constitu-  
18       tional Convention on September 17, 1787;

19               “(B) recitation of the Preamble of the  
20       Constitution in Congress and across the Nation;  
21       and

22               “(C) roll call of all 50 States from each  
23       State Capitol Building.”

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